

## House Resolution 1542

By: Representative Smith of the 113<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Mrs. Willie Oaks on the occasion of her 100th birthday; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Willie Oaks was born on March 2, 1906, in Cleburn County, Alabama, and  
4 this year will be celebrating the impressive milestone of her 100th birthday; and

5 WHEREAS, during her remarkable life, she has seen the advent of new technology and  
6 dramatic social changes: in 1909, she took her first automobile ride in her uncle's Buick, her  
7 family installed their first telephone in 1915, and in 1916, she saw for the first time an  
8 airplane land in a nearby field; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Oaks was her high school's valedictorian and attended some college before  
10 becoming a fourth grade teacher; and

11 WHEREAS, she married her high school sweetheart, Grady A. Oaks, in 1929, and they were  
12 blessed with three children, David Oaks, O'Joy Oaks Mays, and the late Bunky Oaks; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Oaks were two of the founders of the First United Methodist  
14 Church, and throughout their loving marriage, they were very active in civic affairs, with Mr.  
15 Oaks serving as an Oconee County commissioner and both of them frequently working at  
16 election polls; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Oaks has always been highly involved in her community in organizations  
18 such as the Watkinsville Garden Club, where she was president and contributor to the club's  
19 cookbook, among countless other activities; and

1 WHEREAS, she joined the 4-H Club at age 12 and is today the oldest living member in  
2 Georgia; in honor of her contributions, she was awarded a recognition pin by the 4-H Club  
3 in 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Oaks continues to enjoy spending time with her family, including her  
5 grandchildren, Leslie Sisiam, Trey Phillips, and Bo Oaks, and her great-grandchildren,  
6 Joseph Sisiam, David Sisiam, and Kendall Phillips; and

7 WHEREAS, beloved by all who have the privilege to know her, Mrs. Oaks has made this  
8 world a better place with her hard work and good citizenship, and it is only fitting and proper  
9 that she be appropriately recognized during this very special and memorable time of her life.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
11 the members of this body join in expressing their congratulations and best wishes to one of  
12 our state's most honorable citizens, Mrs. Willie Oaks, on the happy event of her 100th  
13 birthday and thank her for all her many contributions to Georgia.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
15 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Willie Oaks.